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BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.

511 Fifth Ave.

Mr. G. G. Allen.

October, 1918 - letters to Mr. Allen thanking for reception of MID officers and outlining method of communication. Letter thanking for instructions to agent in China.

December, 1918 - letter to M/A, China, introducing Mr. Allen. Memorandum from Col. Martin to DMI advising firm's representatives mostly British and furnish information to British Govt., but that Mr. Allen believes American representatives should furnish American Govt. with info. Mr. Allen thanked MID for letter of introduction and stated willing to be of assistance at any time.

June, 1921 - asked Mr. Allen's permission to approach representative returned from China. No reply.

October, 1921 - Mr. Allen sent notes on inland modes of transportation in China. Acknowledged by Maj. Churchill.

March 23, 1922 - Mr. Allen interviewed by Maj. Churchill. Mr. Allen stated that his representative, Maj. Bassett, was already in contact with G-2. (To be verified by R/S and M.I.2). Furnished name of Mr. A. L. Walker, B. A. Tobacco Co., 7 Millbank, London. Letter written to M/A, London, directing him to get in touch with Mr. Walker April 10. Copy to Mr. Allen.

Note: Maj. Bassett formerly an I.O. in China. In contact with M/A, China. Called on M.I.2. Is M.I.2 reserve officer.